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Applicant: W. B. Payne ✓✓
Serial No. 09/900,188 ✓✓
Filed: 07/09/01 ✓✓
Filed For: Ullage Meter for a Tank of Compressed Gas at Elevated Temperature

Group Art: 2856

Examiners: Hezron Williams,
R. T Frank, Helen Kwok

THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington D. C.

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March 25, 2003
Santa Ana CA

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Dear Sir:

MAR 25 2003

In response to the Detailed Actions of March 19, 2003 the following TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

15 correction is submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 2 and 3 continue to be withdrawn as they had been earlier (then mistakenly
20 restated in our previous amendment).

Our missing listing of Claims Status is attached.

There are no new amendments to claims.

REMARKS

We respectfully ask whether under the procedures the examiner has had a chance to read
25 our remarks submitted in January, 2003 and again in February, 2003 and our commercial
materials presented in January, 2003. We believe they present a strong case against the
examiner's charges of obviousness. We have had no response to them.

Our purpose in making claim changes was not to place the application in better form for
appeal, rather, to improve the fine form of the claims in case we go forward, hopefully, to
30 receive claim allowance. Can the Examiner see the changes as simple improvements, rather than
as something aimed at a successful appeal?

Respectfully submitted,

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